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The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Powell:

Verizon West Virginia has requested **my** assistance **in** having **the** Federal Communications Commission authorize them to offer long-distance service in West **Virginia**. Veriwn **has been** a **good** corporate citizen and should be offered the **opportunity** to offer **this** service to the citizens of West **Virginia**. **It** would be the intent to **increase** competition which would ultimately benefit the citizens of our state.

Yours,


Jay Gold
Mayor

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cc: Sam Cipoletti

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